

Remarks

Claims 1-21 and 26-30 are pending. Claims 1, 5-8, 11-15, 18, 20-21 have been amended. Claim 19 has been cancelled, and Claims 26-30 have been added.

Claims 22-25 have been cancelled without prejudice to their future prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Support for the newly added claims is in the original claims as filed and in the specification, including at pages 5-6, bridging paragraph, and page 11, line 14 to page 12, line 2 (Claim 29).

No new matter has been added with the amendments or the addition of the new claims. The amendments are intended to merely clarify language used in the claims and the subject matter claimed, and the scope of the claims is intended to be the same after the amendment as it was before the amendment.

Extension of Term.


The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. If any extension and/or fee are required, please charge Account No. 23-2053.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney if any questions should arise.

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